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OLD TIME SCHOOLS.

Methods in Days When "No Lickin', No Larnin'" Was the Rule.

The schoolroom practices of a half century ago are incredible to a modern pupil. It is well that they have not been continued, but an account of them by an eyewitness is often amusing. One incident from A. H. Hall's "Old Bradford Schooldays" brings up a teacher who clung to the old principle, "No lickin', no larnin'."

Horace Walton, at recess, climbed to the top of the highest nut tree and, losing his hold, fell to the ground. He struck on many of the limbs in his descent. The boys were terribly frightened as he struck the ground. Just as we crowded about him to see if he still lived, our faces as white as his, the bell rang for the resumption of studies.

The last boy in was Walton, and just as he fell rather than sat down in his seat the master shouted, "Come out here instantly!" He gave him a flogging that made the fall from the tree seem the lesser of the two evils.

A few years ago, meeting Walton for the first time for many years, he remarked that he well remembered how that master at last succeeded in bringing things into routine order in the school. Each morning as the school assembled this order was observed: "First bell, come to order; second bell, attention; third bell, lick Walton."

WOMEN IN WALL STREET.

They Are Good Winners, but Down Their Losses in Tears.

To many brokers women are boodoss, and some stock exchange houses refuse absolutely to have anything to do with the fair sex. The majority of brokerage firms try their best to keep women's speculative accounts out of their offices. Some houses are obliged to take women's accounts as a matter of personal friendship, but they will not open accounts for other women, no matter how well they may be introduced.

Wall street men do not have a high opinion of the average woman's business sense. Most women have an idea that one needs only to get a "tip" from some "insider" in Wall street to be sure of making "barrels of money" for new gowns, hats and jewelry.

The dictum of Wall street is that women are good winners, but bad losers. It is difficult to reason about money and business with an angry or weeping woman. Her view of Wall street and all its works suddenly becomes entirely emotional, and only a broker with infinite patience can calm her. Many a time a stock exchange house has taken a woman customer's loss rather than face her tears.—Strand Magazine.

The Queer Carabao.

The carabao is said to be slower than a camel and more obstinate than a mule. Every one seems agreed that the chief ambition in life of a carabao, if he has any at all, is to lie down in a puddle of water with just his nose and horns sticking out. Consequently considerable commotion rules the wagon train when it approaches a stream that must be forded. The soldiers who are walking behind the carts as guards lay aside their rifles and begin to belabor each animal. In the middle of the stream the excitement reaches its highest pitch. The carabao will begin to stretch his neck and bend his knees and grunt—infallible indications of his intention to lie down. Everybody works like a beaver to prevent him from accomplishing this fell purpose, but their labors are not always successful. They may get him over the stream, but this is unusual good fortune.—Harper's Weekly.

Siren in Skirts.

Which is the most recent siren (of the animal variety) in history? Jacobus Nolas relates that in 1403 a siren was captured in the Zuyder Zee. She was (says Mr. Norman Douglas in "Siren Land") brought to Haarlem and, being naked, allowed herself to be clothed; she learned to eat like a Dutchman; she could spin thread and take pleasure in other maidenly occupations; she was gentle and lived to a great age. But she never spoke. The honest burghers had no knowledge of the language of the sea folk to enable them to teach her their own tongue, so she remained mute to the end of her days.

Making Use of It.

"There is no use giving you a check, my dear. My bank account is over drawn."

"Well, give it to me anyway, George. And, say, make it for \$500. I want to pull it out of my shopping bag with my handkerchief at the bridge game this afternoon."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not Easy.

"What is the hardest work you do?" "My hardest work," replied Senator Sorghum, "is trying to look like my photograph and talk like my speeches when I get back to my home town."—Washington Star.

An Easy Task.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, my boy, is one who tells other people that their troubles don't amount to much."—Detroit Free Press.

A Finishing Touch.

"When Esau gave up his birthright for mere pottage?"

"Yes, I know he made a mess of it."—Exchange.

Joy comes, grief goes, we know not how.—Lowell.

Farm and Garden

NEW FACTS; OLD MANURES.

Values of the Various Sorts of Fertilizer Set Forth Briefly.

Horse manure from city stables usually contains 70 to 75 per cent of water in the form in which such manure reaches the farmer. The solid portion of such manure contains of nitrogen from 0.5 to 0.8 per cent, phosphoric acid 0.3 to 0.5 per cent, potash 0.5 to 0.7 per cent, lime 0.5 to 0.8 per cent, with traces of magnesia. The drier the manure the larger the quantity of actual plant food elements in the ton. Computing the above named quantities of nitrogen therein as worth 20 cents per pound, phosphoric acid and potash each 4 cents a pound, the value of horse manure of the above range of composition works out from \$2.64 to \$4.16 per ton.

Sheep manure from stockyards and slaughter houses is sometimes sold in the market either under its own name or as so called "natural guano." Analysis of three such samples sold in Connecticut showed them to contain about as much nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash as could be bought in the form of fertilizer chemicals for \$11 or \$12. The sheep manure sold at from \$25 to \$33 a ton. But, as the station report says, it must also be remembered that 60 per cent of sheep manure consists of fine vegetable matter, which forms humus in the soil and has distinct value in feeding the soil bacteria and in regulating the water content of the soil.

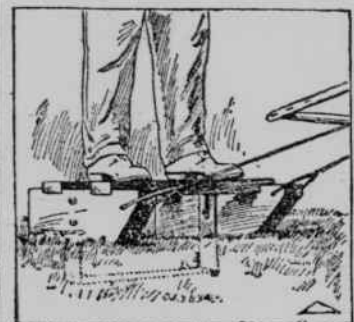
A curious fertilizing material comes in small quantities from silk mills. It is called "cocoon dust" and consists of the dead bodies of silkworms. The Connecticut station found it to be extraordinarily rich in nitrogen, containing nearly 10 per cent of this substance; also small quantities of phosphoric acid and potash.

Sewage waste may be profitable as a fertilizer. The sludge which accumulates on the sand beds used for the purification of sewage at Rockville was found by the Connecticut station to contain of water 68 per cent, of nitrogen 1.34 per cent, with traces of phosphoric acid and potash. This material has almost three times as much nitrogen as stable manure, but it is probably much less available to crops because the more soluble and valuable part of the nitrogen has been removed by water and microbe action. Nevertheless if it can be got for the hauling it might pay for a short haul to plow under.—American Agriculturist.

DON'T CUT SOD WITH SPADE.

Make For Yourself This Ingenious Little Sledge and Halve Your Labor.

The construction of the sod cutter is clearly shown in the sketch. It may be well to add, says Farm Progress, that the knife blade dips downward about three-eighths of an inch in its



CHEAP AND HANDY SOD CUTTER.

width of two and one-half inches. The knife can be adjusted to cut the sod at the proper thickness.

Two men and a boy, with a team, recently cut enough sod to load a flat wagon holding one and one-quarter cubic yards, rolled the sod and loaded the wagon in a trifle more than an hour. The cutter is easily and cheaply made and is a great improvement over the spade.

Puckerless Persimmons.

Yes, it has been done. Do not laugh, you who have been handed persimmons and have bitten to the delight of uproarious spectators.

Our department of agriculture has earned additional fame by taking the pucker out.

We owe the discovery to the Japanese. For five years an expert has been at work for the government devising means to remove the pucker from the persimmon. Like all things, it is simple when you know how. The fruit is put into tanks into which carbon dioxide has been forced and left there three days. Taken out it is sweeter than a Bartlett pear and will keep three times as long.

What part will you take in the campaign for better farming? Much will be required at your hands. Have you determined to do your part?

A Modern Solomon.

"Do you think I am really your affinity?" asked Solomon's nine hundred and eighty-fifth wife coquettishly.

"My dear," said the wisest guy, "you are one in a thousand." He got away with it too.—Toledo Blade.

Announcement for Mayor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the Town of Lexington at the regular election to be held in June, 1911, and respectfully solicit the support of the citizens.

E. S. SHIELDS.

March 1-4.

Announcement for Mayor

LEXINGTON, March 1, 1911.

To the Voters of the Town of Lexington:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Mayor at the June election and solicit your support; and as I am not engaged in any business can give the office my entire time if necessary.

Very truly,

W. F. PIERSON.

March 1-11.

Commonwealth's Attorney

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, subject to the Democratic primary.

D. E. MOORE.

March 15-11-11.

For County Clerk

To the Voters of Rockbridge County:

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COUNTY CLERK OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

A. T. SHIELDS.

March 15-11-11.

Commissioner of Revenue

LEXINGTON, VA., March 15, '11

Yielding to the solicitation of many voters in Lexington, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for Lexington District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. W. McCLUNG.

March 15-11-11.

Commissioner of Revenue

I announce myself a candidate for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE FOR LEXINGTON DISTRICT, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

T. M. WADE.

March 22-11.

Announcement for Treasurer

LEXINGTON, VA., Jan. 11, 1911.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of TREASURER OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY for the term beginning January 1, 1912, subject to the Democratic primary to be held during the coming summer months.

S. R. MOORE.

Jan. 18-11.

Announcement for Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of SHERIFF OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, subject to the Democratic primary.

R. L. MORRISON.

March 8-11-3m.

Announcement for Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for SHERIFF OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

JOHN McD. ROSS.

March 8-11-11.

For House of Delegates

To the Democratic Voters of Rockbridge County and City of Buena Vista:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates of Virginia for the County of Rockbridge and City of Buena Vista, subject to the Democratic primary.

HUGH A. WHITE.

April 12-11-11.

For House of Delegates

To the Voters of Bath, Highland and Rockbridge Counties and the City of Buena Vista:

I take this means of announcing that I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates of Virginia for the district composed of Bath, Highland and Rockbridge Counties, and the City of Buena Vista. Subject to the Democratic primary.

JOHN W. STEPHENSON.

Warm Springs, Bath Co., Va.

April 12-11-11.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

At the earnest request of many citizens from every section of the county I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the House of Delegates from Rockbridge County and City of Buena Vista, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. H. GLASGOW.

April 19-11.

For Supervisor, Natural Bridge District

At the urgent request of many voters, I announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Supervisor of Natural Bridge District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

W. E. L. STARK.

April 19-11-11.

Commissioner of Revenue, South River District

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for South River District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

H. P. SHELTMAN.

April 19-11-11.

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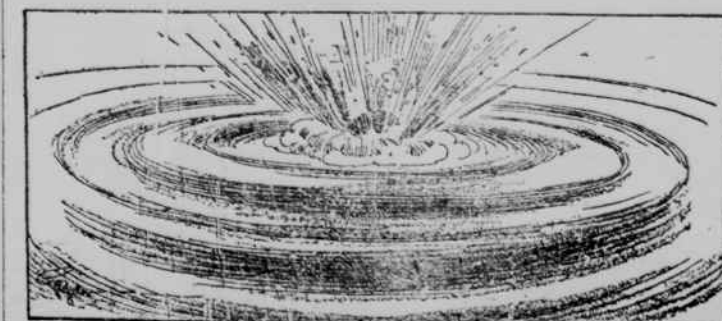
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